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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-713-B1)

In re Application of:)	
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Chad A. Mirkin, et al.)	Examiner: Jezia Riley
)	
Serial No. 09/923,625)	Group Art Unit: 1637
)	
Filed: August 7, 2001)	Confirmation No. 2286
)	
For: Nanoparticles Having)	
Oligonucleotides Attached Thereto)	
and Uses Therefor)	

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

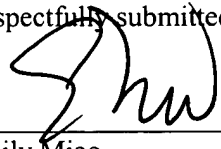
Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2002. A Petition for an extension of time (two months) is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee (\$200) to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. The Applicant provisionally elects the invention of Group II (claims 2-24, 29-32, 42, and 43) with traverse. Since Groups I, III to VIII, XII, XVII, XVIII, XIX, and XX are directed the same class 435, subclass 6, the Applicants do not believe that searching these additional groups will create any burden on the Examiner. The Applicants urge the Examiner to go forward with the examination of Group II but also all of the above listed Groups.

Prompt consideration and entry of this response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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